(b) whether it is a fact that Government have fixed a target of providing employment of such unemployed persons during the Tenth Five Year Plan period; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) Number of educated (10th standard and above) jobseekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, registered with the employment exchanges in the country as on 31st December 2002 was around 3 crore.

(b) and (c) Government is targeting creation of around 5 crore employment opportunities during the 10th plan period at the rate of around one crore employment opportunities per year. These will help both educated and uneducated unemployed persons in the country.

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†3169. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have started a National Child Labour project to end the practice of child labourers in the country in a planned manner by the end of Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the estimated number of child labourers in the country togetherwith the number of child labourers who have been given education through labour education campaign and primary schools after emancipating them on the basis of classification; and

(c) the State-wise status thereof togetherwith the physical and financial details?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. The National Child Labour Project Scheme was started in 1988 to rehabilitate child labour. The Scheme seeks to adopt a sequential approach with focus on rehabilitation of children working in hazardous occupations and processes in the first instance. Under the Scheme, after a survey of child labour engaged in hazardous occupations and processes has been conducted, children are to be witdrawn from these occupations and processes and then put into special schools in order to enable them to be mainstreamed into formal schooling system. The strategy of the Government is to eliminate

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

child labour from hazardous occupations and processes by the end of the Tenth Five Year Plan.

(b) The number of all child labour in the country as per the 2001 census is 1.2 crores. The census carried out by the Registrar General of India does not specify the occupations of working children. The total number of child labourers who have been mainstreamed into formal system of education through National Child Labour Project so far is 307863.

(c) The details of State-wise status of the physical and financial details of the National Child Labour Project Scheme have been given in the enclosed Statement.

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Sl. No.	Name of National Child Labour Project State	Sanctioned strength of children	Grants-in-aid sanctioned during 2004-05 (Rs. In Lakh)
1	Andhra Pradesh	57900	2322.21
2	Bihar	6500	282.06
3	Chhattisgarh	9900	230.81
4	Jharkhand	6500	192.86
5	Karnataka	10850	331.01
6	Madhya Pradesh	21200	445.21
7	Maharashtra	8500	168.48
8	Orissa	38400	1312.64
9	Punjab	5350	184.05
10	Rajasthan	9000	443.04
11	Tamil Nadu	24650	724.63
12	Uttar Pradesh	38100	754.15
13	West Bengal	17350	742.36
	TOTAL:	254200	8133.51